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Governing Board

Thursday, March 24, 2016, 7:30 A.M.
 Utah County Health and Justice Building Room 2500
 151 South University Ave, Utah

ATTENDEES:

Chair/Mayor Bert Wilson, Lehi City
 Mayor James Hadfield, American Fork City
 Greg Beckstrom, Provo City
 Councilwoman Shellie Baertsch, City of Saratoga Springs
 Mr. Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Commission
 Commissioner Larry Ellertson, Utah County
 Mayor Mark Thompson, Highland City
 Representative Mike McKell, Utah State Legislature
 Mr. Mike Styler, Utah Department of Natural Resources
 Mayor Randy Farnworth, Vineyard Town
 Councilman Mark Seastrand, Orem City
 Councilman Mike Mendenhall, Spanish Fork City
 Mr. Brian Cottam, Forestry, Fire, and State Lands
 Ms. Christine Finlinson, Central Utah Water Conservancy District
 Councilman Kim Hancock, Payson City
 Mayor Jeff Acerson, Lindon City
 Councilwoman Kari Malkovich, Woodland Hills
 Erica Gaddis, Division of Water Quality

INTERESTED PARTIES / VISITORS

Ms. Laura Ault, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
 Mr. Jason Allen, State Parks
 Mr. Mike Mills, Central Utah Water Conservancy District
 Mr. Rick Cox, URS
 Mr. Jeremy Sorenson, SWUA
 Mr. Dan Paulsen
 Mr. Garrick Hall, Farm Bureau
 Mr. Todd and Ms. Louise Frye, Bonneville School of Sailing
 Mark Holden, Provo River Delta Restoration Project

ABSENT: Salem City, Elk Ridge, Alpine City, Mapleton City, Santaquin City, Salem City, Springville City

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1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Hadfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. and welcomed everyone.

2. Approve the Consent Agenda

Mayor Wilson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the November 19, 2015 governing board meeting, the end of FY2015 financial report, and the financial reports

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1 from November 2015 – February 2016. Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. Saratoga Springs didn't
2 participate in the voting because they weren't present at the November meeting. Voting was unanimous in
3 favor of approving the consent agenda.
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5 **3. Housekeeping: Present Technical Committee Representative List.**

6 Eric Ellis presented a list of the members of the technical committee. He wants to be sure that every city
7 has a representative on that committee. He asked for the Governing Board members to ensure that the
8 information for their city/entity is accurate.
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10 **4. Action Items**

- 11 A. Governing Board Leadership Nominations: Eric Ellis announced that Robyn Pearson has been
12 nominated by the Executive Committee as Vice Chair. Commissioner Ellertson made a motion to
13 approve the nomination and Mayor Wilson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of
14 the approval. Mayor Hadfield will become the chair of the Governing Board, as he had been the
15 previous vice-chair.
16 B. Approve notice to proceed with the Nature Center site plan and analysis contract: Six candidates
17 submitted applications for this contract. Three candidates were given the opportunity to do
18 presentations. Project Engineering Consultants (PEC) was chosen. Mayor Wilson made a motion to
19 proceed with the contract. Commissioner Ellertson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in
20 favor of proceeding with the project.
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22 **5. Public Hearing**

- 23 A. Present & Approve tentative FY 2017 budget: Eric Ellis made a few comments about the FY 2016
24 Budget. There is a 1.5 percent increase in wages to ensure there is a buffer for raises. Most items are
25 the same quantity as FY 2015. Office Supplies increased slightly and postage decreased for FY 2016.
26 The amounts in the capital projects fund and professional accounting services also decreased. Mayor
27 Farnworth made a motion to approve the tentative FY 2016 budget. Commissioner Ellertson seconded
28 the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the tentative FY 2016 budget.
29 a. Public comment: There were no public comments.
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31 **6. Report from Technical Committee – Reed Price/Mike Mills**

32 Reed Price gave this report. Many of the items discussed in the Technical Committee will be discussed in
33 the following report from the Executive Director. He encouraged Governing Board Members to be in
34 communication with the Technical Committee members from their cities.
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36 **7. Report from Executive Director- Eric Ellis**

- 37 A. Lake Level: The lake level was looking better. There was a windstorm that temporarily pushed the
38 water to higher levels on the East Side of the lake. The lake is 4.5 feet below full, which means there is
39 1.5 feet more water than the lowest point in 2015.
40 B. Lincoln Beach: A wounded warriors group is working with the county and other sponsors to put
41 together a Hero Park at Lincoln Beach. There would be a memorial and programs that take veterans,
42 police officers, firefighters, etc. on boat tours of the lake.
43 C. Sandy Beach Improvements: This is a project that the county is pursuing. It will improve the road out
44 to the beach. Spanish Fork is using funds from a state grant to do a trail alignment study along the
45 Spanish Fork River. The Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands is working to acquire property from
46 the Nature Conservancy in the area. Half of the funding is coming through the state (\$250,000).
47 D. Utah Lake State Park: A master plan was completed between a few different agencies for some
48 renovations at the park. There was a preliminary meeting for an economic impact study, and the final
49 meeting for that aspect of the project is coming up soon.

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- 1 a. Dredging: The inner harbor and the channel leading out to the lake will be dredged this fall.
2 Someone from the community is wondering why we don't just chain the marina, as it would
3 be more cost efficient. Mr. Ellis explained that the specific process for the dredging hasn't
4 been determined yet and that the chaining method can be considered.
- 5 E. Phragmites: This year the commission applied for funding for 2,300 acres of phragmites treatment.
6 Provo Bay and Powell Slough will be the main areas of focus this year. Spot treatments will also be
7 done in several areas around the lake.
 - 8 a. Vineyard Town: A private development is going to add two beaches and a community park in
9 the Vineyard Area. When it's all completed, they'll deed it back to the city.
 - 10 b. Saratoga Springs: The City of Saratoga Springs partnered with the County to get the historic
11 canal cleaned out. That project will happen towards the end of the month.
 - 12 c. Private landowners invasive removal best practices policy: An informational document has
13 been drafted that will inform private land owners about the best practices to treat phragmites
14 on their own land.
 - 15 d. Video: A two minute video was shown at the meeting that highlights the phragmites removal
16 project. This video can be viewed on the Utah Lake Commission YouTube channel.
- 17 F. Carp Removal: This year a request has been made to fund the second to last year of full scale
18 commercial fishing. Overall, 21.5 million pounds of carp have been removed since September 2009.
- 19 G. Spring and Fall Field Trips: 1,280 4th grade students will attend the Commission's field trips this spring.
20 Lots of entities send volunteers to help the kids have a good experience.
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22 **8. Communication Strategy**

- 23 A. Adopt a Shoreline Strategy - Luke Allen. Two locations have been officially adopted for the first year of
24 this program. LDS Earth Stewardship will be cleaning up Sandy beach and the Bowfishing Girls Club will
25 be cleaning up Inlet Park and the small access points along the west side of the lake.
 - 26 a. 2016 Photo Contest Update: Allen's Camera will be sponsoring the 2016 Utah Lake
27 Photography Contest and the winners will be on display at the Utah Lake Festival.
 - 28 b. Utah Lake Festival: The festival will be on June 4th from 10am – 2pm at the State Park. There
29 will be fun activities for everyone. Usually about 3,500 people come and a good turnout is
30 expected.
- 31 B. Utah Valley CVB - Eric Ellis. Mr. Ellis has been working with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB).
32 The CVB will be attending a meeting in the Midwest where there will be lots of water-user
33 associations. The CVB is going to try to draw in some big tournaments out to the lake.
 - 34 a. Presentations: Bonneville Sailing & Utah Sons of Pioneers. Mr. Ellis has gone out to a few
35 organizations and done presentations about the history of the lake. He's open to attending
36 more of these types of meetings if he's invited.

37 **9. Governing Board Meeting Proposed Schedule for remainder of FY2016***

- 38 A. June 23, 2016
- 39 B. August 25th, 2016
- 40 C. November 17th, 2016***

41 *If additional meetings are needed, they can be called as needed. If field trips are planned for the
42 Governing Board, they will take place outside the regularly scheduled board meetings.

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10. Presentations:

- A. Provo River Delta Restoration Project – Mark Holden
 - a. Planning for this project began in 2009. The final environmental impact statement was issued in April of last year. The Department of the Interior and Central Utah Water Conservancy District are key partners in the project.
 - b. The main purpose of the project is to implement some measures that are required in the June Sucker Recovery Plan. The project will create more quality habitat for the June Sucker.
 - c. An additional objective is to provide compatible recreational activities in the delta area.
 - d. An aeration system will be installed in the lower section of the Provo River to help improve water quality.
 - e. Construction will be initiated in 2018, and will likely last 3 years.
- B. Water Quality Assessment on Utah Lake – Erica Gaddis
 - a. Every 2 years the DWQ has to make a report to congress on the state of Utah’s waters. It’s a big job that takes a lot of work.
 - b. There are five levels of water quality standards in Utah: 1) Water quality supports all of its uses. 2) Similar to 1, but can’t assess all uses. 3) Not sufficient data to make decision either way. 4) We know there are water quality problems, but controls are in place. 5) Not supporting beneficial uses.
 - c. Right now Utah Lake is protected for infrequent primary contact recreational. That designation is outdated, and there is consideration to update it.
 - d. They are analyzing the data from the 2014 algae bloom. Data was collected at 9 sites around the lake.
 - e. There will be no immediate changes to permits as a result of the decision to reclassify the lake. Any changes related to nutrient reductions would be done after the TMDL process.
 - f. There is a plan in place to increase monitoring of dangerous algal blooms around the state.

11. General Comments from Board Members or the Public

There were no comments from the public.

12. Next Governing Board Meeting

Mayor Hadfield reminded the board that the next Governing Board Meeting will be on June 23, 2016 at 7:30 AM.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.